

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful examination of this application and respectfully request the entry of the amendments indicated hereinabove. The Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of Claims 1-7, 9, and 23.

Claims 1-7, 9 and 11-18 and 23-25 are pending. Of the pending claim set, Claims 11-12, 14-17, and 24-25 are rejected. Claims 13 and 18 are objected to. Claims 11, 13 and 18 are amended hereinabove to prepare this case for appeal.

Independent Claim 11 positively recites that control circuitry preceding the intervention circuit is powered down with a power switch having a non-address control signal input. Claim 11 also positively recites a power switch that is not located within the control circuitry. These advantageously claimed features are not taught or suggested by the patent application publication of Akiba et al. The Applicants respectfully submit that Akiba et al. does not teach the advantageously claimed invention because element 66 of Akiba et al. is located within the NOR gate circuit (paragraph 0086). Moreover, Akiba et al. does not teach that the control signal input is a non-address control signal (paragraph 0087 and FIG. 13).

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of Claim 11 and respectfully assert that Claim 11 is patentable over the publication of Akiba et al. Furthermore, Claims 12, 14-17, and 24-25 are allowable for depending on allowable independent Claim 11 and, in combination, including limitations not taught or described in the references of record.

For the reasons stated above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration is requested.

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